(b) if so, whether in the study made by the ILO on the condition of indigenous people around the world, the ILO has said that tribals face immense problem in India;

(c) whether Government have examined the study report;

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(e) what action Government propose to take to protect the indigenous and tribal people in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Movement of Consumer Price Index

1835. SHRI IQBAL SINGH:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what have been the trends in the movement of Consumer Price Index for agricultural labourers and for industrial workers during the last six months;

(b) what have been the rate of inflation measured by these indices;

(c) what are the comparative figures with the wholesale price index;

(d) whether Government have not revised the base year in the case of index for agricultural labourers; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Statement-I indicating the trends in Consumer Price Index for agricultural labourers and Consumer Price Index for industrial workers during the last six months for which data is readily available i.e. from December 1992 to May 1993 is attached. (*See* below)

(c) Statement-II indicating a comparison of trends in the price variations as reflected by Consumer Price Indices for agricultural labourers and industrial workers and Wholesale Price Index is attached. (*See* below).

(d) and (e) The work with regard to revision of base year of Index for agricultural labourers is at an advanced stage.

Statement I

Month	CPI for Agricultural Labourers (Base 1960-61=100)			CPI for Industrial Workers (Base 1982=100)		
	1991-92	1992-93	Percentage Change	1991-92	1992-93	Percentage Change
December	1008	1067	(+)5.9	225	243	(+)8.0
January	1015	1066	(+)5.0	228	241	(+)5.7
February	1038	1058	(+)1.9	229	242	(+)5.7
March	1046	1053	(+)0.7	229	243	(+)6.1
April	1046	1039	(—)0.7	231	245	(+)6.1
May	1058	1038	(—)1.9	234	246	(+)5.1

Statement II

Month	Price variation as measured by		
	CPI for Agricultural Labourers	CPI for Industrial Workers	Wholesale Price Index
December, 92 . .	5.9	8.0	8.5
January, 93 . . .	5.0	5.7	7.6
February, 93 . . .	1.9	5.7	7.6
March, 93 . .	0.7	6.1	7.1
April, 93 . .	(—)0.7	6.1	6.9
May, 93 . . .	(—)1.9	5.1	6.1

Plight of Domestic Servants

1836. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item that appeared in 'Indian Express', New Delhi dated the 6th June, 1993, captioned 'A pathetic tale of domestic servants' where it has been stated that according to a study tribal girls who work as domestic servants are exploited; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to improve their lot?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi has informed that no such case of exploitation of tribal girls has been reported to Delhi Police.

Labour Disputes in the Country

1837. SHRI RATNABAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of labour disputes in the country during the last three years. State-wise;

(b) the number of lockouts, closures and strikes due to such disputes and the number of 'man-days lost' during this period: and

(c) the number of settlements reached to solve such disputes;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) Industrial disputes are raised under the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 both at the Centre and States. Information on the number of disputes in the country and settlements reached on the disputes is not compiled centrally.

Based on the latest available information, statements giving state-wise number of strikes and lockouts due to industrial disputes, man-days lost due to these strikes and lockouts and the number of closures due to reasons of financial stringency, shortage of raw-material, shortage of power, lack of demand for products etc during the years 1990-93 are at Annexures.

[*See* Appendix CLXVIII, Annexure Nos. 32 and 33.]

1838. [*Transferred to 19th August* 1993.]

Bonded Labourers freed and Rehabilitated

1839. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of bonded labour freed in the country at present:

(b) whether it is a fact that progress of their rehabilitation is not upto the mark:

(c) if so, what are details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to expedite their rehabilitation?